

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dedina called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Patton, Bragg, Spriggs
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor Present:	Dedina
Mayor Pro Tem Present:	Bilbray
Staff Present:	City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Hald, Assistant City Manager Dush, Public Works Director Levien, Administrative Services Director Bradley, Fire Chief French

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paige Carpenito and Jeziah Eister from VIP Village Preschool.

AGENDA CHANGES

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY PATTON, TO TAKE ITEM NOS. 6.1 AND 6.2 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Councilmember Patton reported on his attendance at the Friendship Agreement Ceremony with the City of Rosarito Beach.

Councilmember Bragg extended an invitation to the Trolley Renewal Completion ceremony on Saturday, September 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the E Street Trolley Station. She commented on the upcoming alley paving groundbreaking Ceremony on September 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the alley on Fern between Florence and 12th Street. She stated City Council has been working on having the alleys paved a long time and was happy to see it finally get off the ground.

Councilmember Spriggs spoke about the momentous occasion that Imperial Beach is allocating resources to have alleys paved. He stated he is looking forward to the groundbreaking event.

Mayor Dedina thanked Councilmembers Patton and Bragg for attending the Friendship Agreement Ceremony, reported on the attendance of all the dignitaries, on the long history of Imperial Beach and Rosarito working together on their lifeguard program, and how grateful they were for the equipment donated to them by the City of Imperial Beach. He stated the cities could learn a lot from each other and that Rosarito has increased tourism by 20 percent. He thanked the IB Chamber of Commerce, El Tapatio, Jack Fisher and City staff for putting

together such a nice event.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Gloria commented on his prior experience representing Imperial Beach in the office of Congressman Susan Davis. He commended the City on new projects and stated he hoped to come back and find ways to work collaboratively on issues such as homelessness. He stated he's been the Chair of the Budget Committee of the City of San Diego for the past five years and feels more can be done at Sacramento in regards to the state budget. He looks forward to working the city.

Charles Quisenberry expressed his enthusiasm about the alleys being paved and completion of sidewalks by Citrus and Rainbow. He expressed his disagreement with the closure of the street end at Daisy.

PRESENTATIONS (1.1)

1.1 PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. (0410-30)

Mayor Dedina presented a proclamation to Fire Chief French declaring September 2015 National Preparedness Month. He commended the Public Safety Department for their skills and knowledge in preparing for emergencies.

Fire Chief French announced the Public Safety Department stated the theme for preparedness month is "Don't wait, communicate and make your emergency plan." He commented on the importance of being prepared for an emergency and shared ReadySanDiego.org as a useful website which has tips on preparedness and provides phone links for natural disaster updates. He announced that the Public Safety Department website will be updated, and put together information regarding wildfires, earthquakes, tsunamis and terrorism. They will also put together an El Niño plan which will be presented to City Council, do training with staff and run some earthquake drills. October 15 at 10:15 a.m. is the Great California Shakeout earthquake drill on which they will be sending out more information.

Councilmember Spriggs stated it's good to be prepared and although going through the drills is challenging, it is worthwhile so people will know what to do in the event of an emergency. He volunteered his help and support.

Councilmember Bragg stated October is National Fire Prevention Month. She voiced concerns on outreach to the community and requested the El Niño preparedness information be brought back to City Council before winter.

City Manager Hall announced the upcoming Fire Department Open House where City staff will do community outreach.

Captain French announced Fire Department staff will talk to second graders about fire prevention during Fire Prevention week in October. He also spoke about the Great California Shakeout and the Fire Station Open House on the 24th which includes the Fire Department, Sheriff, American Heart Association and other outside agencies and San Diego County OES.

It's a great opportunity for the public to come out and see what the Public Safety Department does.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.6)

MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THROUGH 2.6. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.1 MINUTES.

Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2015.

2.2 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)

Ratified the following registers: Accounts Payable Numbers 87136 through 87276 and EFT #'s 57-64 for a subtotal amount of 722,374.44, and Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits 46677 through 46698 for a subtotal amount of \$168,824.66 for a total amount of \$891,199.10.

2.3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7619 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SYMPHONY BY THE SEA EVENT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7620 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A FUNDING REQUEST AND APPLICATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM. (1040-40)

Adopted resolutions.

2.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7621 APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CITY MANAGER, ANDY HALL. (0530-60)

Adopted resolution.

2.5 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7622 ADDING THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY PERIMETER FENCE REMOVAL (CIP S16-703) TO THE FY 2016 TWO-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ACCEPTING THE \$30,000 SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CIP S16-703 PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING \$30,000 TO CIP S16-703. (0330-35)

Adopted resolution.

2.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7623 CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH IN THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CSCDA) OPEN PACE PROGRAM; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO AND RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7624 APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. (0330-35)

Adopted resolutions.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING (3)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4)

None.

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6.1-6.2)

6.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. SA-15-50 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND RELATED ACTIONS. (0418-50)

Assistant City Manager Dush reported on the item and stated that himself, Administrative Services Directory Bradley and City Attorney Lyon were available to respond to any questions.

MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BILBRAY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. SA-15-50 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND RELATED ACTIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. SA-15-51 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 (ROPS 15-16B). (0418-50)

Assistant City Manager Dush reported on the item.

Councilmember Spriggs questioned the likelihood that this ROPS would not be approved and what would happen if that were the case.

Kendall Levan, Special Counsel from Kane Ballmer and Berkman, reviewed items on the ROPS explaining the procedure for any items that were denied and noted the items she believed might be questioned by the Department of Finance and the reasons for it.

MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. SA-15-51 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 (ROPS 15-16B). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS (5.1)

5.1 SEWER BILLING METHODOLOGY DISCUSSION. (0830-95)

Public Works Director Levien reported on the item. He asked for City Council direction on the appropriate model and for their concurrence in updating the model. He stated the estimated revenue needs have changed since the 2012-2013 report. If approved a proposal for update would be brought to Council at a later date.

Karyn Keese gave a PowerPoint presentation on commonly accepted sewer rate structure options. In response to Councilmember Patton's comment that there doesn't seem to be a need for a rate change at this time, she that she did not have actual numbers because that part of the study has not been done yet, but there have been some revenue shifts in rates and they are taking into account new offsetting users.

In response to Councilmember Spriggs concerns about revenue loss, GIS Administrator Mercer stated he did not have the revenue numbers at this time

Councilmember Spriggs stressed the importance for having more information on the magnitude

of the change in order for City Council to make a determination. He stated future projects can't be relied on until they begin to operate. He reiterated the change is significant and requested the numbers from Public Works Director Levien.

Public Works Director Levien responded staff is asking for concurrence to update the revenue study so we the City can gauge the difference particularly in relation to the loss of the Navy. He also explained why reserves are being depleted faster than revenue is being generated.

Councilmember Spriggs stated there is a need to focus on the numbers. There are issues on whether enough revenue is being generated and if the City has the resources to keep the systems working. He stated he did not want to see rates increase but there should not be speculation until there is more information and an analysis completed.

City Manager Hall clarified that the largest expense in our sewer system is in the treatment at Point Loma, he further explained that although there is a reduction in revenue due to not treating the Navy's water, less is being treated. That is what the study will show. It's important to move forward. He also stated City staff will look at ways to reduce expenses such as electrical costs and having more efficient and effective equipment. He clarified the sewer system is an Enterprise Fund so it's its own separate entity. Rates set and revenues generated are not used for anything else except to pay for the sewer system.

With regard to Councilmember Patton's question about the capacity fee, GIS Administrator Russell responded the capacity fee is when someone connects or buys in to the sewer system which is separate from the annual billing fees. So when it is stated capacity is not expected to change it is specifically when new connections are made to the sewer system not that they didn't anticipate a change one way or the other on rates.

Councilmember Patton concurred there was not enough information hence the need for the study.

In response to Councilmember Bragg asked Ms. Kesee explained how the City does not violate Prop 218 and she reported on the ruling on a case involving San Juan Capistrano.

Councilmember Bragg commented the real challenge is that the rates need to be equitable. The City has reduced water consumption by 18.4 percent, however there are still costs for treatment. The hard part is portraying that to our residents. She stated the new construction would offset some of the numbers but agreed with Councilmember Spriggs that at this time they are just projections and they might not come on line as quickly as expected.

City Manager Hall clarified that what they are seeking from City Council is if they want to continue with the same methodology for calculating the rates or whether City Council wanted to consider a different process. Secondly, as long as the method of calculation has been identified then seek direction to perform a study so the necessary information can be presented.

Councilmember Spriggs stated it is necessary to do the rate study. As far as the City Manager's suggestion, regarding changing rate structure, Council could not know if the rate structure needed to be changed until they knew if there was a shortfall or not. He commented Public Works Director Levien has raised concerns regarding our reserves and he stated the variable would be if they should increase the fixed rate and by how much.

In response to Councilmember Braggs question Ms. Keese reviewed the process followed by the City of La Mesa, highlighting they averaged 5 years of winter water usage using a bimonthly basis.

Mayor Dedina announced there is consensus of City Council to proceed with the rate study, and

not changing the rate structure at this time. He requested information on the most equitable and fair rate structure in California. He commented the City should celebrate the fact that usage went down which means less contamination in the ocean and less electrical cost.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dedina Adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

_____/s/
Serge Dedina,
Mayor

_____/s/
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk